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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR OF CCIR OF THE ITU

REF: DEPARTMENT'S A-3186, APRIL 19, 1974

1. AS REQUESTED REFERENCED AIRGRAM, THE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED SUPPORT OF THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE CANDIDACY OF MR. RICHARD C. KIRBY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED US THAT PARAGUAY HAS NO PRIOR COMMITMENTS TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE AND WILL REPLY SHORTLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR KIRBY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE GOP PLANS TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CCIR ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA IN JUNE, POSSIBLY BY ITS AMBASSADOR TO BONN AND BY A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, ANTELCO. IN CASE IT IS NOT, THE FOREIGN OFFICE BELIEVES THAT ABSENTEE NATIONS WILL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE BY TELEGRAM.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL AWAIT THE PARAGUAYAN DECISION ON SUPPORT FOR KIRBY BEFORE RAISING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PROXY IN CASE PARAGUAY DOES NOT ATTEND. IN THE MEANTIME, THE EMBASSY WOULD
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